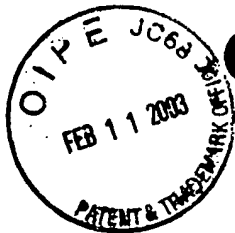


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- (4) Copy of PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF;
- (5) Copy of Check in the amount of \$465.00 paying the Small Entity Petition Fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3);  
and
- (6) Postcard.

We respectfully request a filing date of February 11, 2003, the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

Respectfully submitted,

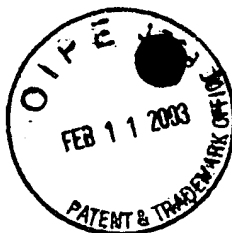


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Dear Sir:

This COMMUNICATION is responsive to a Office Communication and Notice dated February 6, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for response to this Office Communication and Notice of one (1) month or thirty (30) days from the mailing date of the Office Communication and Notice, whichever is longer, requiring a response to be filed on or before March 6, 2003.

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The undersigned acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner advising the undersigned that the proposed reply filed on January 24, 2003 had not been entered because it was unsigned.

The undersigned further appreciates the Examiner making a determination that since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bone fide*, Applicant was given the time period of one (1) month or thirty (30) days from the mailing of the notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicant is proceeding as follows.

Applicant is enclosing with this COMMUNICATION the following documents:

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The undersigned has manually signed the AMENDMENT referenced as Item (2) above and has also signed a duplicate original of Page 15 of the AMENDMENT as noted in Item (2) above and is filing the same having the manual signature thereon.

With the submission of the above referenced documents together with the manually signed duplicate Page 15 of the AMENDMENT, Applicant verily believes that the filing of these documents complies with the Examiner's requirement that the required omission or correction has been supplied in order to avoid abandonment and within the time period for response specified by the Examiner.

If the Examiner determines that the submitted documents set forth above including the manually signed AMENDMENT and duplicate original of Page 15 of the AMENDMENT is, for any reasons, deemed non-responsive, the Examiner is respectfully requested to promptly advise the Applicant of the same together

with any corrective actions required by the Examiner.

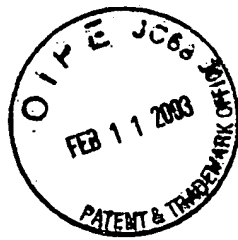
Respectfully submitted,



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issue a formal Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner has further objections to the claim language such that further modification to the claim language would overcome such objections of the Examiner, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned for the purposes of conducting a phone interview so that agreement may be reached on wording acceptable to the Examiner.

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